

FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION

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December 21, 2009

✓ Mr. Jack Dale

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RE: Advisory Letter FPPC No. 05/314; Jack Dale, City of Santee, Santee Chamber of Commerce, Santee School Board

Dear Mr. Dale:

The Fair Political Practices Commission ("Commission") enforces the provisions of the Political Reform Act (the "Act") found in Government Code Section 81000, and following. As you may be aware, the Commission was investigating whether you were in violation of the Act's campaign disclosure provisions based on a complaint received from Mr. Van Collinsworth with regard to mailers sent by the "Citizens for 52 Committee."

We have determined that there is insufficient evidence to find you violated the Act. As a result, we are closing this case with this Advisory Letter.

You should be aware that the Act requires that committees, as defined in Section 82013 of the Act, must file a statement of organization and subsequent disclosure statements within 10 days of receiving \$1,000 or more in contributions. All committees must also file campaign disclosure statements that detail each of the contributions received and expenditures made by the committee. Section 84200, et. seq.

Additionally, senders of campaign mass mailings, as defined in Section 82041.5 must provide identification on the mailer as to the sender, as specified in Section 84305 of the Act. If another campaign committee pays for a mass mailing, then these must be reported as accrued expenses by the committee as detailed in Section 84211 (i) and FPPC Regulation 18421.6.

The Political Reform Act is contained in Government Code sections 81000 through 91014. All statutory references are to the Government Code, unless otherwise indicated. The regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission are contained in sections 18109 through 18997 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations. All regulatory references are to title 2, division 6 of the California Code of Regulations, unless otherwise indicated.

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Although the evidence was insufficient to support an enforcement action in this case, your name was featured on the "Citizens for 52 Committee" mailer. Further, the "Citizens for 52 Committee" never filed any statement of organization or campaign statements. You should be advised that future violations of the Act may result in fines of up to \$5,000 per count.

The Commission publishes forms and manuals to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the Act and provides guidance regarding your obligations over the telephone and through written advice. If you need assistance, please call the Commission's Technical Assistance Division at 1-866-275-3772 or visit our website at www.fppc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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